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DECISION OF REJECTION

Patent Application No.: 2000-305399

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Examiner: K. KUDO

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The present application is rejected for the reason stated in the Official Action dated July 3, 2002.

The written opinion, amendment, and correction of mistranslation have been reviewed, but do not appear to overcome the reason for rejection.

REMARKS

Comparing the invention of claim 1 with that of Reference 1, both inventions are different in that in the invention of claim 1, at least two transducers are connected in parallel to each other, thereby achieving coupling in a resonant mode, while in the invention of Reference 1, at least two transducers are connected in parallel to each other.

The above difference is discussed. It is considered that it was commonly carried out before the filing date of the present invention to provide more than two transducers which are formed on a piezoelectric substrate and have a pair of comb-like electrodes, and to connect at least two of the transducers in parallel, thereby achieving coupling in a resonant mode (refer, for example, to Jpn. Pat. Appln. KOKAI Publication No. 6-232687).

Therefore, it is considered easily achievable by a person skilled in the art to connect, in the invention of Reference 1, at least two transducers in parallel to each other, thereby achieving coupling in a resonant mode.